

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**September 15, 2024**

**Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.**

**Monday, September 16:** ATLAS invites all to an Open House at their new location at 540 N. Main Ave in Sioux Center from 2-6pm. Food trucks will be available.

**Monday, September 16:** JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2025 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVMP Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. Nick LeLoux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting at 6:30pm at the JFA Ministry Center. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out our website: [jfa-niowa.org](http://jfa-niowa.org)

**Tuesday, September 17:** Love INC Sioux County values prayer! You're invited to join us at a prayer gathering at 8:00am at the Love INC office (1317 Main Street) in Rock Valley. We are gathering again to pray for the communities impacted by the flood. ALL ARE WELCOME! For those of you who are prayer warriors, we are looking to add to our Prayer Team so this would also be a good time to hear more about that! Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."

**Tuesday, September 17:** Ladies, do you want to make a lasting eternal impact on your children and/or grandchildren's lives? Join one of our Moms in Prayer groups. The Grandmother's In Prayer group will begin meeting THIS Tuesday from 9:30 - 10:30am and the College/Career Moms in Prayer group will meet from noon to 1pm. Both are meeting in the upstairs Fireside Room of First CRC of Sioux Center. Come and join us!

**Wednesday, September 18:** The Dirksen and Keefer Faithpacks are sponsoring a combined Bake Sale and Rummage Sale on Stewardship Day, September 18, at Western Christian High School from 8:00-1:00 at the West Parking Lot and/or Cafeteria. All proceeds will go to provide services for families, women, and children in our area through Guiding Star of Orange City and Alpha Center in Sioux Falls. Donations of items to be sold can be delivered to Bargain Alley in advance. If dropping off at the Bargain Alley, please designate that the items are for the Western Christian Rummage Sale. Items and Baked Goods can also be delivered on the day of the sale by 8:00am.

**Friday, September 20:** Award-winning musician Hannah Hickman will perform a saxophone recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at 7:00pm. Hickman, having grown up in Sheldon, IA, holds music degrees in music education and saxophone performance and is currently studying for her doctoral degree.

**Advance Announcements**

**Monday, September 23:** Dutch organist Arjan Breukhoven will present an organ/piano recital at 7:00pm at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Together with Liz Van Maanen, clarinet, he will present a diverse program with hymn-based improvisations, classical pieces, and popular works. If you would like to hear Arjan play but you have a conflict on the 23rd, he will also present solo organ recitals on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at The Rock Community Church in Rock Rapids (302 S Carroll Street); on Thursday, Sept. 26, at First CRC in Orange City (408 Arizona Ave SW); and on Friday, Sept. 27, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls (909 W 33rd Street). All recitals start at 7:00pm, have free admission, different programs, and a retiring collection to cover Arjan's expenses. After the recitals, there will be a few of Arjan's CDs available for purchase. All are welcome!

**Friday, September 27:** The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place at 3:10pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt

University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

**Saturday, September 28:** On September 26-28, ninety-five high school choral singers will join us on campus at Dordt University for the Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend. Attendees come from Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana and were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1pm on Saturday, Sept. 28. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Dr. Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

**Thursday, October 3:** The Faith CRC annual Fall Supper and Auction will be at the SCCS gym with a Pizza Ranch buffet served from 5-6:30pm in the cafeteria with freewill donation for the meal. The auction begins at 6:00pm. Proceeds go toward Faith's Christian education fund.

**Saturday, October 5:** Please mark your calendar for "An Evening of Praise" as the Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University beginning at 7pm. The groups that will be performing are Ensemble Royale and the Klaasens. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

**Tuesday, October 22:** Justice For All invites you to attend their Annual Meeting at 5:00pm at the Rock Valley Event Center. Along with the business meeting a delicious meal will be served. Because of the historic flood in June, JFA will not hold their fall auction so that many businesses and individuals who generally donate towards the auction can continue to get back on their feet. In place of the auction, JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry but also how through collaboration, many needs continue to be met in our local area. Reservations for the meal can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) by Oct 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

### Requested Announcements

Sioux Center Christian School is looking for help with our Aftercare program. Do you enjoy hanging out with kids, helping with homework, and playing games? Do you want something that is just a couple hours a day? Our Aftercare program runs from 3:00-5:00pm M, T, Th, F and 2:00-5:00pm Wed. If you or someone you know would be interested, go to [siouxcenterchristian.com](http://siouxcenterchristian.com) > Connect With Us > Employment for more information on how to apply. Or call 712-722-0777, or email [kvanroekel@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:kvanroekel@siouxcenterchristian.com) to inquire.

Unity Christian's Moms in Prayer group invites moms to join us on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00pm in the conference room to pray over students and staff of Unity. We follow a prayer sheet that focuses on praising God for one of his attributes, and then praying a specific verse over a group of students and staff each week. God moves in powerful ways when we pray together! Questions? Contact Candi TeKrony at [canditekrony@gmail.com](mailto:canditekrony@gmail.com)

Please consider partnering with a farmer in Liberia, Africa this fall with a donation of grain. One Body One Hope is a ministry partnership between northwest Iowa and Liberia. Your grain donation would support a farm community of families in West Africa. To learn more, visit [onebodyonehope.org](http://onebodyonehope.org) and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987. Thank you.

The City of Sioux Center is seeking to hire a full-time SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER who will work in Sioux Center Christian School, maintaining a positive presence on campus during regular school hours, handling situations on campus, while fulfilling additional roles such as teacher, counselor, and mentor. For more information on the position and how to apply, go to [siouxcenterchristian.com](http://siouxcenterchristian.com) > Connect with Us > Employment. If you know someone who would be a good fit for this position at our school, please share this opportunity with them!